

# Larry's Long Launch

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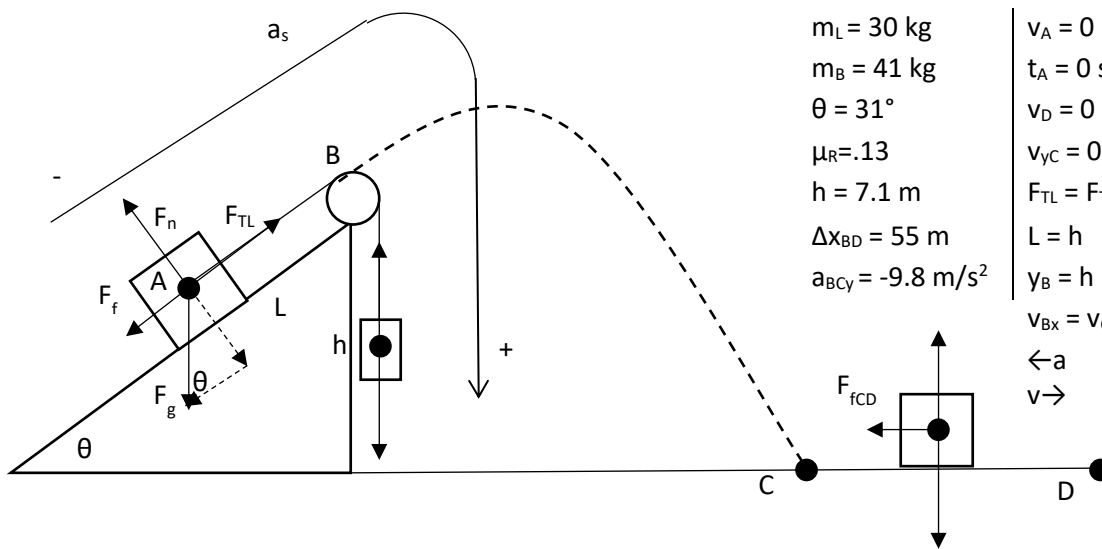
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Section H

## Description

Leaping Larry decided to make a laborious launcher for his luxury luge using a pulley and ramp system (see diagram). His method was to attach one end of a massless stretchless rope to a barrel of rocks with a mass of 41 kg and to hold the other end of the rope, the mass of Larry and the luge being 30 kg. He placed the rope over a massless frictionless pulley, and then walked down the ramp 7.1 m. When he sat in the luge he accelerated up the ramp to point B and then launched off the top at  $31^\circ$  (all while releasing the rope and avoiding the pulley). He flew through the air as a projectile to point C, transitioning all of his speed into the horizontal direction, and eventually slid to a stop at point D.

## Diagram



## Givens, Assumptions, and Equations

$m_L = 30 \text{ kg}$	$v_A = 0 \text{ m/s}$	$F = ma_{\text{net}}$
$m_B = 41 \text{ kg}$	$t_A = 0 \text{ s}$	$F_g = mg$
$\theta = 31^\circ$	$v_D = 0 \text{ m}$	$F_f = \mu F_N$
$\mu_R = .13$	$v_{YC} = 0 \text{ m}$	$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2a\Delta x$
$h = 7.1 \text{ m}$	$F_{TL} = F_{TB}$	$x_f = \frac{1}{2}a\Delta t^2 + v_i\Delta t + x_i$
$\Delta x_{BD} = 55 \text{ m}$	$L = h$	$v_y = \sin(\theta)v$
$a_{BCy} = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$	$y_B = h$	$v_x = \cos(\theta)v$
	$v_{Bx} = v_{Cx}$	$\Delta x_{CD} = \Delta x_{BD} - \Delta x_{BC}$
	$\leftarrow a$	$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
	$v \rightarrow$	

## Strategy

- Find the sum of all forces in the ramp system y forces on the luge
- Find  $F_{NR}$  in terms of  $F_{gLR}$ , then  $F_{fR}$  in terms of  $F_g$
- Substitute newly found values into sum of forces
- Substitute given values into equation, solve for  $a_s$
- Substitute  $a_s$  into equation 4, solve for  $v_B$
- Find  $v_{Bx}$  and  $v_{By}$
- Substitute  $v_{By}$  into equation 3, solve for  $t$
- Substitute  $v_{Bx}$  and  $t$  into equation 3, solve for  $\Delta x_{BC}$
- Subtract  $\Delta x_{BC}$  from  $\Delta x_{BD}$  to find  $\Delta x_{CD}$
- Substitute  $v_{By}$  into equation 4, solve for  $v_{Cy}$
- Use Pythagorean theorem to find  $v_c$
- Convert  $v_c$  to  $v_{Cx}$ , substitute into equation 4, solve  $a_{CDx}$
- Find sum of forces on luge on ground in x and y
- Find  $F_{fG}$  in terms of  $F_{gG}$
- Find  $\mu_G$  in terms of  $a_{CDx}$
- Solve for  $\mu_G$

Find  $\mu_G$

$$\sum F_s: F_{TL} - F_{fL} - \sin\theta F_{gL} - F_{TB} + F_{gB} = m_s a_s$$

$$\sum F_s: F_{NL} - \cos\theta F_{gL} = 0$$

$$F_{NL} = \cos\theta F_{gL}$$

$$F_{fL} = \mu_R \cos\theta F_{gL}$$

$$-\mu_R \cos\theta F_{gL} - \sin\theta \mu_R F_{gL} + F_{gB} = m_s a_s$$

$$a_s = \frac{-\mu_R \cos\theta m_L g - \sin\theta m_L g + m_B g}{m_L + m_B}$$

$$a_s = \frac{-(1.3)(\cos 31)(9.8) - (\sin 31)(30)(9.8) + (41)(9.8)}{30 + 41}$$

$$a_s = \frac{-32.7609 - 151.421 + 401.8}{71}$$

$$a_s = \frac{217.618}{71}$$

$$\underline{a_s = 3.06504 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$v_B^2 = v_A^2 + 2a_s \Delta x$$

$$v_B^2 = 0^2 + 2(3.06504)(7.1)$$

$$\sqrt{v_B^2} = \sqrt{43.5236}$$

$$\underline{v_B = 6.59724 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$v_{By} = (\sin 31)(6.59724)$$

$$\underline{v_{By} = 3.39784 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$v_{Bx} = (\cos 31)(6.59724)$$

$$v_{Bx} = 5.65494 \text{ m/s}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_{By}t + y_B$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}(-9.8)t^2 + 3.39784t + 7.1 \text{ SOLVER}$$

$$\underline{t = -0.89778, 1.59122 \text{ s}}$$

$$\Delta x_{BC} = \frac{1}{2}at^2 + v_{Bx}t + x_B$$

$$\Delta x_{BC} = 0 + (5.65494)(1.59122) + 0$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_{BC} = 8.99825 \text{ m}}$$

$$\Delta x_{CD} = 55 - 8.99825$$

$$\underline{\Delta x_{CD} = 46.0075}$$

$$v_{Cy}^2 = v_{By}^2 + 2a_y \Delta x$$

$$v_{Cy}^2 = 3.39784^2 + 2(-9.8)(-7.1)$$

$$\sqrt{v_{Cy}^2} = \sqrt{150.705}$$

$$\underline{v_{Cy} = 12.2762 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$v_c^2 = v_{cx}^2 + v_{cy}^2$$

$$v_c = \sqrt{5.65494^2 + 12.2762^2}$$

$$\underline{v_c = 13.5137 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$v_{Dx}^2 = v_c^2 - 2a_{CD}\Delta x_{CD}$$

$$0 = 13.5137^2 - 2a_{CD}(46.0075)$$

$$a_{CD} = -\frac{13.5137^2}{(2)(46.0075)}$$

$$\underline{a_{CD} = -1.98468}$$

$$\sum F_x: -F_{fB} = m_L a_{CD}$$

$$\sum F_y: F_{NG} - F_{gG} = 0$$

$$F_{NG} = F_{gG}$$

$$F_{fB} = \mu_G m_L g$$

$$-\mu_G m_L g = m_L a_{CD}$$

$$a_{CD} = -\mu_G g$$

$$\mu_G = -\frac{a_{CD}}{g}$$

$$\mu_G = -\frac{-1.98468}{9.8}$$

$$\mu_G = -0.20252$$